

## IN THE CLAIMS

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20. (new) A modular laminate coating element for coating floors and walls, including three layer of non-metallic materials said three layers comprising a thermoformable plastics material central layer having a top face on which a woven or non-woven material top layer is arranged, said top layer is arranged, said top layer comprising a woven and dyed wool felt material having smear resistant properties, said central layer having a bottom face on which a bottom layer of a fabric material having a bottom

suitable for coupling with a male coupling portion of tearable adhesive strip means, said top, central and bottom layers being hot coupled to one another, without using adhesive materials, while being die-cut and hot pressed to provide said top layer with surface marks or projecting and recessed patterns, said tearable strip adhesive means projecting from said modular laminate coating element to allow said modular element to be coupled to like modular elements for coating a floor or a wall.

21. (new) A modular laminate coating element according to Claim 20, wherein said central layer comprises a closed cell foamed polyethylene layer coupled by a thermoforming process to said top and bottom layers, said central layer having hot impressed surface marks or projecting and recessed patterns.

22. (new) A method for making a three non metallic layer laminate element for coating floors and walls according to Claim 20, comprising the steps of hot coupling a central layer of a thermoformable material, a top layer of a woven or non-woven material, a bottom layer of a material suitable for coupling with a coupling male portion of tearable adhesive strip means, thermoforming said layers and simultaneously printing, sealing and die cutting said coupled thermoformed layers on the perimeter with a contoured metal mold designed to hot surface impress on said top and central layers.

23. (new) A modular laminate coating element for coating floors and walls as defined in claim 20 which consists essentially of three layers of non-metallic materials said

three layers comprising a thermoformable plastics material central layer having a top face on which a woven or non-woven material top layer is arranged, said top layer is arranged, said top layer comprising a woven and dyed wool felt material, said central layer having a bottom face on which a bottom layer of a fabric material having a bottom suitable for coupling with a male coupling portion of tearable adhesive strip means, said top, central and bottom layers being hot coupled to one another, without using adhesive materials, while being die-cut and hot pressed to provide said top layer with surface marks or projecting and recessed patterns, said tearable strip adhesive means projecting from said modular laminate coating element to allow said modular element to be coupled to like modular elements for coating a floor or a wall.